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Commonwealth Situation Report #5
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1. Situation

A system of severe storms began moving through Southwest Virginia on May 24, 2004. Flash flooding occurred on May 24-25 in Tazewell and Russell counties. Tornadoes damaged homes in Lee County on May 28. Flash floods impacted Buchanan County and several other counties in Southwest Virginia over the June 12-15 period.

Governor Warner declared a State of Emergency for Tazewell and Russell counties on May 25 and expanded the declaration to include Lee County on June 3.

On June 2, 2004, Governor Mark R. Warner requested that President Bush issue a major disaster declaration for Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties. He requested federal aid through the Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs. President Bush granted a Federal Disaster Declaration for Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties on June 15, 2004.

2. Weather for Russell County and Tazewell County

This afternoon, partly cloudy, highs around 80, light and variable winds. Tonight, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after midnight, lows in the lower 60s, light and variable winds. Friday, mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely, highs in the mid 70s, west winds around 10 mph in the morning, becoming light and variable, chance of rain 70 percent.

3. Current State/Federal Priorities and Objectives

- ☐ Obtain signature approval of Federal/Commonwealth Agreement.
- ☐ Notify affected communities of the availability of federal disaster assistance.
- ☐ Address potential housing and rental resources issues.
- ☐ Complete Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ☐ Manage public expectations through targeted media releases and appropriate contacts with public officials.
- ☐ Joint FCO/SCO determination of Incident Period closure date.

4. Recovery Activities

A. Human Services

- ❑ *Steps are being taken to remove a mobile home from a creek. The home poses a safety hazard if additional flooding should occur.*
- ❑ *DRC activity almost doubled from the previous day's activity.*

See page 4 and 5 for statistical information on registrations, activity in the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC).

i. Volunteer Organizations

- ❑ The local recovery task forces in Russell and Tazewell counties are assisting as requested and have representatives in the DRC to meet with individuals. *Twenty (20) applicants visited with task force representatives. A FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison has arrived at the DFO and is coordinating activities with agencies and the Commonwealth.*

ii. Donations Management

- ❑ Tazewell and Russell counties are coordinating distribution of donated goods.
- ❑ Clinch Valley Community Action (CVCA) is providing disaster relief to all local counties at 1161 Second St. in Richlands, Va. Applicants must be referred by FEMA, American Red Cross or VDEM to be eligible. This donation center may be able to help with cleaning supplies, furniture, clothing and personal care items. They may also be able to fill special needs as available.

iii. Disaster Unemployment Assistance

- ❑ Effective June 18, 2004, assistance is available for residents of the declared jurisdictions. Residents can call or visit the nearest Virginia Employment Office. *As of 6/23/04 no applications have been received for DUA.*

B. Mental Health

- ❑ The Cumberland Mountain Community Service Board *is providing* mental health assistance for residents of Tazewell and Russell counties. A representative is in the DRC in Richlands.

C. Community Relations (CR)

- ❑ The State Coordinator will request the FCO to add Buchanan County to the Presidential declaration.
- ❑ Four state/federal CR teams have been deployed in the three declared counties distributing flyers for Tele-Registration, the DRC location and the 1 800 FEMA contact information.
- ❑ Teams will be assessing unmet and special needs and researching available rental residential units in their assigned jurisdictions.
- ❑ CR Field Officers will lead outreach efforts at the anniversary celebration sponsored by a local radio station in Jonesville to distribute flyers and information to citizens.

D. Mitigation

- ❑ *Mitigation Plan has been submitted to the SCO for approval.*
- ❑ Provide mitigation counseling at DRC.

- ❑ Develop mitigation administrative plan.
- ❑ Provide publications and information to CR for Jonesville effort.
- ❑ ***Initiate Bluefield Va. success stories on Friday June 25 with site visit.***
- ❑ ***Refine travel trailer tip sheet for distribution to building officials.***

E. Legislative Liaison

- ❑ Appropriate State Senators and Delegates have been notified of the Presidential declaration and the opening of the DRC.

F. Hazardous Materials

- ❑ Regional Hazardous Material Officer is continuing to monitor situations in the area.

G. Public Affairs

- ❑ ***News releases issued about fraud and CR teams in the field.***
- ❑ Provide publications for CR effort in Jonesville.

H. Disaster Recovery Task Forces

- ❑ The task forces for Russell and Tazewell counties have representatives in the DRC in Richlands.
- ❑ A success story: Having the Task Force table at the DRC has resulted in extensive media coverage of Task Force services. 27 clients visited the Task Force table at the DRC in 2 ½ days (as compared to 52 clients in 3 years). It is well received by the citizens.

I. Miscellaneous Actions:

- ❑ VDH (Health) and DEQ (Environmental Quality) in Russell and Tazewell counties continue to assist citizens with evaluating drinking water safety.
- ❑ Tetanus vaccinations remain available from the local health departments.

J. State Coordinating Officer

- ❑ DFO will prepare state situation reports (sitreps) daily from June 21 through 25. Frequency of sitreps after June 25 will be MWF beginning June 28.
- ❑ DFO will be open M-F (8 a.m. – 6 p.m.), Saturdays (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.). DFO will be closed Sundays.
- ❑ Daily contact with local Emergency Management and other local officials.

Signed, Mary Camp, Dep. SCO

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INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE-DAILY STATUS REPORT

COB: 06-23-2004

FEMA DR-1525VA

June 24, 2004

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	554		
		DAILY	CUM
DAILY REGISTRATION	60	DESIGNATED COUNTIES	49
		UNDESIGNATED COUNTIES	10
			488
			64

INDIVIDUALS & HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM (IHP) OVERVIEW

Eligibility Rate		Payments Apprv'd	\$364,373.80
Registrations Referred	437	Payments Disb'd	\$318,160.02
Registrations Approved	215		
Registrations Ineligible	62		
Registrations Withdrawn	5		
Registrations Pending	155	IHP Max Awards	18

HOUSING ASSISTANCE (HA)

Eligibility Rate	50%
\$ Amount Apvd	\$364,373.80
\$ Amount Disbursed	\$318,160.02
Referrals	429
Approved	215
Ineligible	60
Withdrawn	5
Pending HA Catagories	149

OTHER NEEDS ASSISTANCE (ONA)

Eligibility Rate	0%
\$ Amount Apvd	\$0.00
\$ Amount Disbursed	\$0.00
Referrals	165
Approved	0
Ineligible	27
Withdrawn	3
Pending ONA Categories	135

INSPECTION SERVICES (IS)

Inspections Issued	437
Returned to FEMA	410
Outstanding	27
Inspectors in the Field	5
Turnaround Time	01.06.59
QC Inspections	31
% Of Inspections Completed	93%

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

Home App. Issued	220
Business App. Issued	34
EIDL	0
Total App. Issued	254
Approved	0
Pending	16
Total \$ Approved	0

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS		OPEN	CLOSED	TODAY	CUMULATIVE
TAZEWELL (RICHLANDS)	FIXED	6/21/2004		<i>44</i>	<i>106</i>
TOTAL				<i>44</i>	<i>106</i>

DESIGNATED COUNTIES	DAILY	CUMULATIVE
LEE (COUNTY)	<i>4</i>	<i>54</i>
RUSSELL (COUNTY)	<i>17</i>	<i>215</i>
TAZEWELL (COUNTY)	<i>28</i>	<i>219</i>
TOTAL	49	<i>488</i>

UNDESIGNATED COUNTIES	DAILY	CUMULATIVE
AUGUSTA (COUNTY)	0	1
BUCHANAN (COUNTY)	<i>9</i>	<i>51</i>
DICKENSON (COUNTY)	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
DINWIDDIE (COUNTY)	0	1
EAST BATON ROUGE (PARISH)	<i>0</i>	1
HENRY (COUNTY)	<i>0</i>	1
JEFFERSON (COUNTY)	0	1
PAGE (COUNTY)	0	1
SCOTT (COUNTY)	0	1
WASHINGTON (COUNTY)	0	2
WISE (COUNTY)	0	2
TOTAL	<i>10</i>	<i>64</i>